

Beatitude Small Group Study
Session 4: *Blessed Are The Meek*
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Get Connected.....15 Minutes

Host Tip: Welcome new group members and provide a brief overview of session 3. Review last week's memory verse as well.

Opening Discussion Question:

How would you describe meekness?

Memory Verse | Week 4:

"The **meek** will be filled with fresh joy from the Lord, and the poor shall exult in the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 29:19 TLB

Host Tip: Stream the lesson after the memory verse is read.



Start Lesson.....20 Minutes

Session 4: *Blessed Are The Meek*

Matthew 5:5 / NIV; "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth."

Lesson outline:



The misconception of being meek:

Meekness means Weakness

Benefits of meekness:

Satisfaction (Psalm 22:26)

Guidance (Psalm 25:9)

Wisdom (Proverbs 11:2)

Fresh Joy (Isaiah 29:19)

Protection (Zephaniah 2:3)

Meekness Principal: Healthy are the meek, for they shall enjoy the benefits of self-control.

1. Set God-approved boundaries for everything.

"Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married, for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, 'Has the Lord indeed spoken only through Moses? Has he not spoken through us also?' And the Lord heard it." — Numbers 12:1-2 / NIV

1 Peter 2:17 / NLT, *"Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king."*

Relational Boundaries = Respect others

Spiritual Boundaries = Revere God

2. Focus on acting right over being right

"(Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth.) 4 And suddenly the Lord said to Moses and to Aaron and Miriam, 'Come out, you three, to the tent of meeting.' And the three of them came out. 5 And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance of the tent and called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward," — Numbers 12:3-5 / NIV

3. God favors faithfulness over flamboyance

"And he said, 'Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream. 7 Not so with my servant Moses. He is faithful in all my house. 8 With him I speak mouth to mouth, clearly, and not in riddles, and he beholds the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?' " — Numbers 12:6-8

4. Trust God's control over my circumstances

"And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed. 10 When the cloud removed from over the tent, behold, Miriam was leprous...13 And Moses cried to the Lord, "O God, please heal her—please." — Numbers 12:9-10a; 13 / NIV



Closing Discussion & Prayer.....20 Minutes

Host Tip: Take time to field prayer requests. You can designate someone to pray prior to the gathering or coordinate group prayer.

Closing Discussion Questions:

1. How would you define meekness?
2. Name someone in your life who modeled meekness?
3. What are the results of lacking meekness?